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C O N F I D E N T I A L KATHMANDU 0217

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, NP, CH

SUBJECT: CPR VICE-PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING TO VISIT NEPAL

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCED JANUARY 11 THAT VICE-PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING WILL VISIT NEPAL IN EARLY FEBRUARY AT THE INVITATION OF PRIME MINISTER KIRTI NIDHI BISTA.

2. TENG WILL BE THE FIRST HIGH-RANKING CPR OFFICIAL TO VISIT NEPAL IN NEARLY THREE YEARS, THE LAST SUCH BEING DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER CHEN HSI-LIEN, WHO CAME TO NEPAL IN FEBRUARY 1975 TO ATTEND THE CORONATION OF KING BIRENDRA. SINCE THEN, PRINCE GYANENDRA VISITED CHINA IN DECEMBER 1975, KING BIRENDRA VISITED TIBET AND SINKIANG IN JUNE 1976, AND BISTA (A FORMER PRIME MINISTER THEN OUT OF OFFICE) VISITED CHINA IN MAY 1976.

3. TENG'S VISIT IS REPORTEDLY AT NEPAL'S INITIATIVE AND, IN ITS TIMING (FOLLOWING SOON AFTER INDIAN PRIME MINISTER DESAI'S VISIT TO NEPAL LAST MONTH) CONFIDENTIAL

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ONCE AGAIN INDICATES NEPAL'S INTEREST IN TRYING TO DEMONSTRATE A BALANCED RELATIONSHIP WITH BOTH INDIA AND CHINA. WHEN THEN PRIME MINISTER TULSI GIRI, ON A VISIT TO INDIA IN APRIL 1976, SPOKE OF A "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" BETWEEN NEPAL AND INDIA, KING BIRENDRA HASTILY ARRANGED A TRIP TO TIBET AND SINKIANG IN ORDER TO COUNTERACT ANY APPARENT

IMPRESSIONS OF A NEPALESE "TILT" TOWARDS INDIA.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT TENG WILL ALSO BE VISITING  
BURMA ABOUT THE SAME TIME.  
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